



**BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING AGENDA
Tuesday, August 18, 2026**



Call to Order at 5:00 p.m. for Open Session Board Training
7:00 p.m. for Start of Regular Business Meeting

**Gower School District 62 - Gower Board Room - District Office
7700 Clarendon Hills Rd. Willowbrook, IL 60527**

1. Roll Call - Substitute Board Recording Secretary - M. Pitsoulakis (Board Secretary)
2. Board Training (5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.): The Gower Board of Education will hold members-only training during the regularly scheduled meeting, and ahead of the business portion of the meeting, focused on the principles of effective school board governance
 - a. Identify areas for board development related to practices, procedures, and professional ethics
 - i. Review the Principles of Effective School Board Governance
 - ii. Evaluate the board and its processes
 1. Celebrate the wins - *Good Things*
 2. Focus on areas of growth
 - iii. Discuss and commit to Board Charter and Social Contract
 - b. Reflect on session and commit to next steps
3. Recess (6:45 p.m.)
4. Begin Business Portion of Board Meeting (7:00 p.m.)
5. Roll Call - Substitute Board Recording Secretary - M. Pitsoulakis (Board Secretary)
6. Organizational (Action) Item: Appointment of Board Recording Secretary - S. Alegria
7. Pledge of Allegiance
8. Welcome Visitors
9. Board Salute - Welcome to our New Staff!!!
10. Public Comment on Agenda and Non-Agenda Items *105 ILCS 5/10-6*
11. [Superintendent's Report](#)
 - a. Curriculum Review Timeline
 - b. Community Relations and Equal Educational Opportunities
12. Reports/Discussion:
 - a. Correspondence
 - b. Freedom of Information Requests
 - c. Enrollment
 - d. First Reading and Posting of Policies:
 - i. 7:100 - Health, Eye, and Dental Examinations; Immunizations; and Exclusion of Students
 - ii. 7:290 - Suicide and Depression Awareness and Prevention
 - iii. 8:110 - Public Suggestions and Concerns
 - e. Board Committee/Liaison Reports
 - f. Monthly Financial Reports
 - g. Tentative Budget for Fiscal Year 2027
 - h. Annual Crisis Plan/Regional Office of Education Threat Assessment Form
 - i. Board Charter and Social Contract - Self-Evaluation
 - i. Section for Review - Unity of Purpose
 - j. Board Reports and General Action Calendar
13. Action Items:
 - a. Consent Agenda
 - i. Approval of the Open Session Minutes of the Regular Meeting, June 17, 2026
 - ii. Monthly Payroll and Approval of Bills



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- iii. Acknowledge Posting of Fiscal Year 2027 Budget for Public Viewing
- iv. First Reading and Posting of Policies
- v. Second Reading and Posting of Policies
 - 1. 6:210 - Instructional Materials
 - 2. 6:240 - Field Trips
 - 3. 6:250 - Community Resource Persons and Volunteers
 - 4. 7:285 - Anaphylaxis Prevention, Response, and Management Program
- vi. Award of Installation Contract Gower Middle Chiller Replacement
- vii. Approval of Contract Extension (6 months) with RyTech for Social Media Strategy and Community Outreach Support
- viii. Personnel Action: Resignation
- ix. Personnel Action: Hiring
 - 1. Michele Abrahamson, GW Lunchroom Cashier, effective August 21, 2026
 - 2. Mira Campbell, GM Lunchroom Cashier, effective August 21, 2026
 - 3. Rachel Caithamer, GW SpEd Teachers Assistant, effective August 21, 2026
 - 4. Briana Esposito, GM Special Education Assistant, effective August 21, 2026
 - 5. Molly Maci, GM 7th Grade Social Studies, effective August 21, 2026
 - 6. Maria Maglaris, GM Special Ed Teachers Assistant, effective August 21, 2026
 - 7. Abigail Pacyga, GM SpEd Teachers Assistant, effective August 21, 2026
 - 8. Christine Radtke, GM SpEd Teachers Assistant, effective August 21, 2026
 - 9. Scott Riedel, GM SpEd Teachers Assistant, effective August 21, 2026
 - 10. Emma Rogers, GM SpEd Teachers Assistant, effective August 21, 2026
 - 11. Bianca Zitzka, GW Special Ed Teachers Assistant, effective August 21, 2026
- x. Personnel Action: Retirement
 - 1. Pam Salutric - Gower West
- b. Resolution NO. 27-R01 Categories of Positions of Educational Support Personnel
- 14. Closed Session: *(If Needed)* - The Board may hold a closed session to consider any of the subjects as listed in this linked Illinois Association of School Boards [resource](#))
- 15. Return to Open Session if Executive Session Held
- 16. Future Agenda Items
 - a. Board Policy Review
 - i. 5:200 - Terms and Conditions of Employment and Dismissal - last action - reviewed 10/18/2022
 - ii. 6:290 - Homework - last action - reviewed 10/18/2022
 - iii. 7:130- Student Rights and Responsibilities - last action - reviewed 10/18/2022
 - b. GM Principal - Posting of Vacancy and Selection - Start Date - July 1, 2027
- 17. Announcements
 - a. August 19 - Meet & Greet (4-6 p.m.) and Back to School Bash (4:30-6:30 p.m.)
 - b. August 21 - First Day of School for Kindergarten through 8th Grade - *First Day Friday*
 - c. August 25 - First Day of School for Pre-K
 - d. September 7 - No School - Labor Day
 - e. September 3 - Curriculum Night Gower West
 - f. September 10 - Curriculum Night Gower Middle



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- g. September 18 - Early Dismissal
 - h. September 23 - Supt Chat - Open Invite, 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
 - i. September 23 - Board of Education Meeting, 7 p.m.
 - j. September 24 - Health and Wellness Night, 6 p.m.
18. Adjournment